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SUBJECT: OWEN-VANCE TALKS MAY 6

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1. EWEN FERGUSSON, PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, HAS CALLED US TO SPELL OUT IN GREATER DETAIL BRITISH PLANS FOR THE MAY 6 TALKS/LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

2. THE TALKS WILL OPEN AT THE FCO AT 11 A.M. WITH RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, ZAIRE, AND THE HORN OF AFRICA AS THE FIRST ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE BRITISH SIDE WILL BE FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, MINISTER OF STATE JUDD, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY PALLISER, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY GRAHAM, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MANSFIELD, PRESS SPOKESMAN WHYTE, FERGUSSON, AND A NOTE-TAKER. IT IS EXPECTED THIS PORTION OF THE TALKS WILL LAST A GOOD HOUR AFTER WHICH THEY WILL MOVE ON TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE PARTICIPANTS WILL CHANGE. SINCE THE TIMING IS A BIT FLUID, THE MIDDLE EAST PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 11:45 A.M. AND BE READY TO COME IN WHEN CALLED.

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3. FOR THE PORTION OF THE TALKS DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST, THE BRITISH PARTICIPANTS WILL REMAIN OWEN, PALLISER, WHYTE, AND FERGUSSON, WITH MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS SUBSTITUTING FOR JUDD AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIR SUBSTITUTING FOR GRAHAM AND MANSFIELD.

4. AT L2:45 THE GROUP WILL BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 1

CARLTON GARDENS. OVER LUNCH, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ENVISAGES WRAPPING UP THE DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST, IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AND THEN MOVING ON TO A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, CIEC, AND NON-PROLIFERATION.

5. THE BRITISH LINE-UP AT LUNCH WILL BE OWEN, JUDD, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, PALLISER' FERGUSSON, AND TWO OF THE FOLLOWING THREE OFFICERS: WEIR, MICHAEL BUTLER, AND PATRICK MOBERLY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY VANCE WISHES TO TAKE UP ANY ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND INDICATE WHO ELSE WILL ATTEND TALKS ON AMERICAN SIDE.

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